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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR TELECOM SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated for providing telecom services in the country especially in Karnataka during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) whether the telecom circles have achieved their targets;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the time by which it is likely to be achieved;

(f) the number of telephone exchanges with their capacity in the State of Karnataka which are earmarked for upgradation during the current financial year;

(g) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is contemplating to cover the whole State of Karnataka with WLL during the current financial year; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, details of funds allocated State-wise for expansion of telecom services during the last three years are give in Annexure-1. Allocation of funds for the year 2007-08 is being examined.

(b) The targets and achievement in respect of DELs for last 3 years and Broadband for last 2 years are given in Annexure-2A & 2B.

(c) The State-wise expenditure incurred for the last 3 years is given in Annxure-3.

(d) There is some shortfall in broadband connections due to non supply of equipment.

(e) The shortfall in broadband connections is likely to be achieved by September, 2007.

(f) All the telephone exchanges in the state of Karnataka are State of the art electronic exchanges and no upgradation is needed.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) BSNL plans to cover State of Karnataka fully by providing adequate number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) in the circle except for few pockets which may remains uncovered due to technical reasons. The details of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment in Karnataka Circle are as below: